

INFORMATION SCIENCE CLUSTER

(C-MMACS, NEIST, NISCAIR, NISTADS, TKDL & URDIP)

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The Second meeting of workgroup/taskforce of Information Sciences Cluster for 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017) was held in C-MMACS, Bangaluru on 03rd February 2011. From NISCAIR, three proposals on network mode (NWP) and four proposals on SIP (Supra Institutional Project) category were presented.

The details are as follows:-

Network Projects (NWPs)

1. Development of Database and V & A (Vulnerability & Adaptation) guidance manual for Climate Change Impact with Special Reference to Coasts and Island Ecosystem of India.
2. Establishment and running of 'Indian SciTech TV' – CSIR TV Channel.
3. Wealth of India (WIN) Portal.

Supra Institutional Projects (SIPs)

1. National Register for Public Understanding of Science & Technology (NR-PUST)
2. Studies on Open Source Software and Open Access Implementation by Academic Institutions in India
3. Social Practices in Collaborative Research -Policy Implications for Implementing 'National Knowledge Network' in India
4. Teaching & Training in Science Communication: M.Sc Course

In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the four SIPs of NISCAIR be clubbed into one and proposed as Mega Lab Project (MLP). The supra and mega institutional projects should supposedly utilize the available expertise within the lab/institute. Accordingly, Dr P V S Kumar (SCM division) who has proposed these projects has been entrusted with this MLP responsibility with a suggestion to discuss with the rest of the staff and take the interested ones, particularly young scientists alongwith.

Dr Kumar suggests a brainstorming session open to NISCAIR S & T Staff on this on 17 February 2011, 11.00-13.00 h at Committee Room, Pusa Campus.

Cooperation and support solicited in taking NISCAIR ahead on such research focus.

Issued with the approval of the Director.

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